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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am a consumer who supports broadband competition. I have chosen a competitive internet provider because I believe that competition drives innovation, maintains a fair and just economy, and is a cornerstone of our healthy democracy. I implore you to help protect small, local, community-based providers and don't allow big corporations to have a monopoly.

I rely on affordable, fast broadband for everything to get my work done when I'm out of the office, to do my banking, to shop for necessities, to connect with friends and family, to stay informed about the world, to get critical safety information when there is an emergency. Please help me and others maintain access to this essential resource, and ensure that it stays available to everyone, everywhere.

Thank you!

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